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ROWGHAT PROJECT
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Rowghat project is facing execution difficulties due to security reasons;

(b) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide adequate security in the region;

(c) whether the construction of railway line for the Rowghat project has been completed;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Ministry of Steel has taken up the matter with Ministry of Railways urging them for early completion of this railway line; and

(f) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the action plan proposed by the Government for streamlining the implementation of the project?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA)

(a)to(f): The work of cutting trees and handing over of the land for initiating mine development work at Rowghat and Dalli-Rajhara − Rowghat Railway line project has been impeded by naxal threat.

The matter of providing security for Rowghat project was taken up by Secretary (Steel) with the Government of Chhattisgarh (GoC) on 19.9.2011. In response, State Government indicated that the project cannot be started without deployment of a dedicated security force. In view of this, the matter was then taken up with the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) which in consultation with all stakeholders has decided to enhance the level of security for this project.

The railway line project is being regularly monitored by a "Joint Working" group comprising representatives of Ministry of Railways and SAIL. The matter has also been discussed in the meetings held in the MHA on 7.3.2012, 7.6.2012 and 2.7.2012.